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From: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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From: "Arden Allen" <gumbear@pacbell.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Electrolytic Capacitor Re-builder?
Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 08:32:54 -0700
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Faradites;

I remember this being described here before but I don't remember by whom. One can somewhat easily rebuild a vertically mounted 'lytic by first cutting the can in two along the top edge of the widened base portion. This can be done with a miniature hack or coping saw. If the cut is irregular it just serves to make it possible to match the top and bottom halves when reassembling. The guts are removed from the top half by applying heat from a heat gun and shaking or pulling the contents out. The base portion is cleaned off and new axial or radial lead caps are wired to the base terminals. Of course it takes some fiddling to find caps that fit, the modern Japanese built caps are considerably smaller for the same capacitance and voltage ratings. If not all sections can be refit into the can than an axial lead cap can be wired to the unused terminal below the chassis after the rebuilt cap is reinstalled. The top half is cemented to the bottom half with epoxy to complete the rebuild.

Why would anyone go to this effort? One reason is to preserve original appearance as closely as possible, the perfectionist approach. Another reason is there ain't no place else to mount caps without making an amateurish kluge, quick and dirty won't work. A third reason is safety, a multi section can compactly encloses a lot of high voltage wiring. The best reason is akin to Edmond Hillary's answer to the question, "why do you want to climb that mountain?". My answer is, because I haven't tried it yet.

Message-Id: <3.0.1.32.19990518115009.007d1190@pop.mindspring.com>
Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 11:50:09 -0400
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Bob Login <jlogin@mindspring.com>
Subject: RCA AR88D & CR88 or 91 Help
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Dear Fellow BAer's. Bought both AR88 and CR(not sure if its an 88 or 91?) at Dayton. Have no documentation. Wud love to obtain manuals and anything else that wud help me restore both rx's. Gladly pay for ur trouble..copies OK. Advice welcomed..both rx's are complete but rough and need tlc...73 Bob, AA8A

Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 13:39:27 -0400
From: polepeeg@aa4rm.ba-watch.org (Marty's Refl. Drop)
Message-Id: <199905181739.NAA03909@aa4rm.ba-watch.org>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: I like Ike

Well, more specifically, an Ikonoscope. The 1849.

It was used in the WW2 ATK TV camera & mine has no vacuum.

And a pal has another. We wanna go BA ATV if anyone can believe that.

Thanks,

Marty

Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 11:06:17 -0700 (PDT)
From: Ray Mote <rmote@rain.org>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Sines
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.05.9905181045240.17157-100000@coyote.rain.org>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

In the Air Force, it was common practice to use such a designator primarily for logging. The preferred method was to use the first and last letters of the last name, but if that combination was already in

use, another designator was chosen (supervisory concurrence was required). For me, it was "ME" which worked well and was easy to remember <heh, heh>. Log entries would be followed by a double slash and the personal sign, as in ".....//ME". Use of such personal signs were prohibited on the air, as it increased vulnerability to traffic analysis by "unfriendly" parties, etc. However, it was not entirely unknown on the air. :-) I can recall sitting in front of the KWM-2A/30L-1 while on temporary duty in Japan during Vietnam, and listening to two ops try to hide their discussion using ambiguous terms, but one was really asking the other if he'd picked up the bronze flatware in Bangkok as the first op had asked him to do! Marine Corps operators just didn't seem to do that sort of thing (in my limited personal experience *only*).

The operator's *initials* were used in servicing messages, at least in my experiences in both the Marines and Air Force. I believe this was mandated in the communications procedures publications of the day (ACP's 121, 122, 124, 125, etc.).

Received messages got "date/time/initials/frequency",

while transmitted messages got "station | frequency"

time | initials

The mnemonic for the latter was "San Francisco Treasure Island". The two different styles of layout made it easy to tell at a glance if the msg was one that had been sent, or one that was received.

73....Ray Mote, K5FKT <rmote@rain.org> Oxnard, CA

Message-Id: <103130300b3676406b388@[199.34.24.14]>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 13:43:18 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: "Jay H. Miller" <jmiller@teleteam.net>
Subject: Bird QC Connector

I picked up a nice Bird absorption wattmeter/dummy load at Dayton and need a Type N QC connector for it. It has an HN (female) on it now.

The correct Bird part number is 4240062- type N (female)

Anybody have a spare?

Thanks.

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Jay H. Miller, KK5IM Dallas, Texas

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Message-ID: <3741BA30.B626C37D@pcbank.net>

Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 15:06:24 -0400

From: "Ray A. Allen, Sr." <w2kbr@pcbank.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Subject: WTB: Power Xformer

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Bottle Group:

Looking to buy abv for SX-117.....anybody gots one about?

>From the Estate of SK Ham here in Maryland: Johnson Viking 6N2 for Sale.

Anybody interested please email direct, also other Heathkit 6 mtr

gear. Thanks

es 73 Ray

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Ray A. Allen, Sr., W2KBR/3

8303 Grainfield Rd.,

Severn, Maryland, 21144-2331

Message-Id: <199905181932.PAA24540@central.picker.com>

From: "Ed Santavicca" <santavic@ct.picker.com>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 15:17:17 -0500

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII

Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Subject: info on ART-13

A co-worker acquired a Comco CDA-T, which he thinks is an ART-13. Does anyone have any info on this xmtr? Is anyone interested in it? He doesn't have the dynamotor and has no homebrew experience to build a power supply for it.

tnx.

73, Ed

AA8TV
Lakewood, Ohio

Message-ID: <3741C2FC.787C9DD3@wbns.com>
Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 15:43:56 -0400
From: Marvin Born <mborn@wbns.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: FS: TMC GPR-90
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I have a TMC GPR-90 receiver in a cabinet, matching GSB-1 and matching speaker available. Receiver has the xtal cal. mounted on top of the tuning assembly. Front panel is clean and nice. No marks. All knobs are correct including the red one. The cabinet has some tire tracks from the speaker sitting on top over the years and the paint is faded a little. There are no bangs or dents.

The GSB-1 is in the same condition, (minus the tire tracks.) The speaker has a faded grill cloth with some brown spots (on the grill cloth.)

The receiver and side band adapter are operational as normal. There are a number of new tubes in both the receiver and adapter. Looking for \$1500 plus shipping from 43215. I will pack in three boxes as part of the price. This is a heavy unit.

73, KF8XU
614 436 9000 evenings eastern time
mborn@wbns.com

Message-ID: <3741C46A.26C9305E@wbns.com>
Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 15:50:02 -0400
From: Marvin Born <mborn@wbns.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: FS Collins CU-282
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Collins CU-282 antenna tuner. This is the longwire type of tuner designed to work with the HF-282 family of transceivers. (channelized versions of the HF-380) It appears to be used very little. Service information included (copy).

\$150 plus shipping from 43215.

KF8XU
614 436-9000 evenings
e-mail mborn@wbns.com

Message-ID: <3741D64C.4EBC@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 17:06:20 -0400
From: "John Dilks, K2TQN" <oldradio@worldnet.att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: JP Aerospace - America's OTHER Space Program + Ham Radio
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

To All,

You have to check this out! Hams and Amateur Rocket builders are going to (try) and launch a satellite. [I saw this on the news, this afternoon.]

<http://www.jpaaerospace.com/>

I'm sure our BA VHF receivers will be able to listen.

more-- A history-making space flight is scheduled for launch on Saturday, May 22, 1999 from the Black Rock desert in Northwestern Nevada. JP Aerospace, an amateur aerospace organization located in Sacramento, California will attempt to make aerospace history by launching the first amateur rocket into space.

This will be accomplished by lofting a launch system to an altitude of 100,000 feet by balloon. The rocket will then be launched to an altitude of approximately 60 miles, providing telemetry and GPS positioning, with full recovery expected upon return. This system has its roots in the very successful Rockoon, BATO and Farside balloon/rocket programs carried out in New Mexico and the Arctic.

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73' John Dilks, K2TQN

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-and=-

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<http://www.eht.com/oldradio>

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<http://www.eht.com/oldradio/museum>

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From: jmccarty@lucent.com (John J McCarty)
Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 16:13:49 -0500
Message-Id: <199905182113.QAA07509@nwsqpb.ih.lucent.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Gonset II A or B ?????
Content-Type: text

Folk;

Picked up an O.K. Gonset II 2 meter rig. Was at the Sandwich Fest about 3 weeks ago. Unit is dirty, but seems to have no "hacks". In looking for info, it appears that there was an "A" version and a "B" version. If so, how do I know which is it I have ?

Also, above the speaker, there is a call sign decal. The call is KCC 593. Was that a CAP call ?

Tnx + 73

John McCarty
n9hrt
jmccarty@lucent.com

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: boatanchors@theporch.com
Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 16:12:46 -0500

Subject: Re: Re howard 440

Message-ID: <19990518.165723.12886.8.jackiv@juno.com>

From: John M Iverson <jackiv@juno.com>

Hi, this is a "Mallory Bias Cell" devised to bias a tube running class A and not being driven into grid current. A very satisfactory fix is to use a 1.5 volt watch battery. these are easier to handle than the N cell which is attractive. the positive goes to ground. a good idea is to replace the grid resistor at the same time as well as the input coupling cap. The grid resistor is usually about 10 megohms and the old resistors get noisy. the cap. from the first audio plate to the output grid should also be replaced

Jack Iverson K0EWU jackiv@juno.com

ARRL, IEEE LM, RCA, AMI, ARCI, QCWA,CCA

On Mon, 17 May 99 22:50:07 +0000 <davidh@getnet.com> writes:

>Guess what Phil...after replacing many of the components, it was the
>vanadium battery.I was wondering what this little part was and missed
>it

>in the schematic Thanks you very much and many thanks to all of the
>people who made the other suggestions on what to check. You know who
>you

>are ...thank you, thank you, thank you.

>

>Now to complete replacing the wax caps...4 left and than button it up
>and

>bring it into the house. I'll post some picture of it on my web page
>when

>I photograph it.

>

>Tnx again and 73,

>

>Dave N7RK

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>Dave N7RK - Webmaster CADXA

>Phoenix, Arizona *DXCC Honor Roll* *WAZ#23 - 75 Meter SSB*

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> ex-N7RK/ZB2, VK2ERK, ZM0AJN, WB6NRK, WN6IWX

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>Boatanchor Collector Extraordinaire preferring Hallicrafters, National

>

>and what ever else looks interesting!

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>E-Mail: davidh@getnet.com
>My Home Page: <http://www.getnet.com/~davidh>
>
>Visit the Central Arizona DX Association Home page - <http://cadxa.org>
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Message-ID: <374209F8.24D@mr.net>
Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 17:46:48 -0700
From: "ROBERT F. KEMP" <rkemp@mr.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: F/S Parts for KWM-1
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Have a junker KWM-1. Let me know your wants, will reply right away,
first come first served. Have meetings all day Wed. and Thurs so won't
get to answer until eve either day! No bottom cover, no main tuning
knob, cabinet rough but restorable knobs have most of the black paint
wore off but can supposedly be repainted.
Bob.

Message-Id: <3.0.3.32.19990518200506.00c12fa4@mindspring.com>
Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 20:05:06 -0400
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: john <johnmb@mindspring.com>
Subject: Re: Electrolytic Capacitor Re-builder?
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 08:32 AM 5/18/99 -0700, you wrote:

>Faradites;
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>I remember this being described here before but I don't remember by whom.
>One can somewhat easily rebuild a vertically mounted 'lytic by first
>cutting the can in two along the top edge of the widened base portion.

I've also found that with side cutters, I can usually "unroll" the bead
that is formed to hold on the rubber or phenolic header. Working around the

rim of the cap takes only a couple of minutes. After this is done, a new Nichicon or USCC modern electrolytic can be fit in easily. A series stack with balancing resistors can be made , with heat shrink over the whole works to insulate and mechanically stabilize the ass'y as well.

Rgds
/John

+-----
| John Brewer- WB50AU/4
| AMI #24 Vintage Radio Website
| <http://www.mindspring.com/~johnmb/>
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From: AA5QT@aol.com
Message-ID: <aa639016.24735b60@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 20:10:08 EDT
Subject: Help with BC-312M
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I recently received a nice looking one of these, but it's far from perfect. I need a clean schematic and a manual would be nice. I'll certainly pay whatever is fair. It came with an outboard power supply that looks like it was wired by my dog- I don't trust it, and will have to build a new one. There was one ps inside, but it's been ripped out. Any help would be much appreciated.

73, Gary K5QT

Message-ID: <3742085F.CBF73A8B@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 17:39:59 -0700
From: Scott Robinson <spr@earthlink.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Help with BC-312M
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gary,

Hot stuff! You have a dog who can SOLDER!? Do you think (s)he could teach my cat? On second thought, the cat would never stay

awake long enough...

Peace,

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Scott Robinson
spr@earthlink.net

Junque is GOOD for you!

AA5QT@aol.com wrote:

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> I recently received a nice looking one of these, but it's far from perfect.
> I need a clean schematic and a manual would be nice. I'll certainly pay
> whatever is fair. It came with an outboard power supply that looks like it
> was wired by my dog- I don't trust it, and will have to build a new one.
> There was one ps inside, but it's been ripped out. Any help would be much
> appreciated.
>
> 73, Gary K5QT

Message-ID: <017001bea192\$a31e6d50\$0201010a@nt-tlf.ampr.org>

From: "Tom Frobase" <tfrobase@ghg.net>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Subject: Dayton Treasure!! Boonton 190 Q-meter

Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 19:57:56 -0500

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I found a very clean Boonton 190-A Q-meter for the large sum of \$10.00.
Does anyone out there have a service manual?

I am excited to add it to the work bench ... tom ... N3LLL

Message-Id: <3.0.5.32.19990518205406.0084f490@mail2.coastalnet.com>

Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 20:54:06 -0400

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

From: Al Parker <anchor@coastalnet.com>

Subject: Re: ? source for xtals ?

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Hi Hue,

I've got several boxes of surplus xtals, many w/channel nrs, some with freqs, but not the xtl freq, etc. I looked quickly yesterday, found a 7.325, "channel 336" in FT-243 holder, if 4x would do you, there's one. \$1 shipped

If you have any idea of the channel thing on mil. stuff, or otherwise, I'd sure be interested. for example:

I've got lots of FT-241-A's, with "Channel 318, 31.8mc"m or "Channel 11 21.1 mc" etc.- various nrs. Some are new, in plastic boxes.

or CR-1A/AR's, with freqs such as "KC 6561.11", etc.

or small metal cans, "MAR 352.2" on top, "7081.43" on side, many w/no freq. marked (don't know can size-type designation)

a few FT-243's, some w/ screws to open for grind, etc.

plus others

Quite a mess of misc. junk. various type, etc.

I've had them to a cupla 'fests, a few guys pick thru & find a few, I get 50 cents each that way. Be glad to pick a random handful of 15 or so for \$5 incl postage for anyone interested.

73,

Al. W8UT

At 11:16 PM 5/16/99 -0700, you wrote:

>

>say, any recommends on source for surplus or affordable xtals that

>mutiply 2x or 3x up to 29.00 MHz, or maybe up to 29.20 at most?

>this would mean quartzes around 14.5+ or 9.667+ MHz.

>

>tnx, hue ka7lxy

Al, W8UT

New Bern, NC

Boat Anchors appreciated here

anchor@coastalnet.com

Message-ID: <37421970.3D6E0867@pcbank.net>

Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 21:52:48 -0400

From: "Ray A. Allen, Sr." <w2kbr@pcbank.net>

MIME-Version: 1.0

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Subject: Pwr Xformer

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

BA Folks:

Sorry if this is a repeat..Looking for power xformer for SX-117
anybody?

es 73 Ray

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Ray A. Allen, Sr., W2KBR/3
8303 Grainfield Rd.,
Severn, Maryland, 21144-2331

Message-ID: <37421A8A.42EC0381@esslink.com>
Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 21:57:31 -0400
From: Sandy Gerli <angerli@esslink.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: SR-400A WTB
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi,

Looking to buy a SR-400A with ps and manuals. Any of 'em out there?
There weren't any at Dayton!

73,

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Sandy Gerli, AC1Y
500 Country Club Road
Avon, CT 06001-2406
(860) 675-5566
E-Mail: angerli@esslink.com

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From: PLT1032@aol.com

Message-ID: <bb426c05.247378ac@aol.com>
Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 22:15:08 EDT
Subject: Jersey BA's
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I am heading to Jersey at the end of June and I'd appreciate information on BA sites there. I am primarily interested in Signal Corps receivers, aircraft, etc.
Any recommendations?

Bob Lindgren

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Wed, 19 May 1999 03:26:06 -0500
Subject: MS 701 Max MOPA?
Message-ID: <19990519.034344.-71499.0.MNHopkins@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
From: mnhopkins@juno.com

Imagine a McMurdo Silver 701 transmitter.

I have to do that because I have never seen one of the 10 x 5 x 5 1/4 inch boxes, but judging from an essay old McMurdo wrote in the September, 1947, CQ Magazine, it was a high water mark in Master Oscillator/Power Amplifier transmitters before anyone ever heard of a Gonset Commander or an Ameco TX-86.

One of the "new" 6AQ5s drove a good old 807 which, for this application, lay on its side with half of its envelope on either side of a metal partition that also separated the last two of the three plug in coils. Below each of the coils is a variable cap that sticks thru the front panel as do a pair of panel lamps that monitor crystal and PA current. They squeezed in another pair of 6AQ5s and a modulation transformer, but the power had to come in from outside.

It looks pretty slick there on page 33 where it has been waiting for me since I was 20 months old, but I'm glad I took all this time to find it. Back then I would not appreciate the difference between mere simplicity and elegance. Now I do and I also note that Bro. Silver didn't use any of those "Jel," or "Mel" plug in coils that were not cheap or easy to find even then. I expect he just used three different types of coil

bases. So if you were too tight to buy all the plug-ins it took to work up through 54 mc, I'll bet you could cobble your own.

Of course you had to take the thing apart to change bands, but even I, who was just learning to walk well, was in less of a hurry back in 1947.

de ab5L, michael in dallas, MNHopkins@JUNO.com
Student of Tecraft, ICM and Six Meters' Golden age: 1957-58
Box 226841, Dallas, TX 75222
Banned for life from QRP-L mailer for various truths.

Message-Id: <3.0.6.32.19990518230310.007a8d20@pop.voyager.net>
Date: Tue, 18 May 1999 23:03:10 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Kim Herron <kherron@voyager.net>
Subject: Re: Hamfests, Ebay and Reality
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Hi Gang,

I've finally recovered from the Dayton Hamvention Weekend (and cooled off enough to be civil).

I thought that I'd make a few observations along the line of Dave's.

>When hams stopped supporting each other by buying from the sellers,
>one of the major incentives to go to hamfests died.

It almost seemed this year at Dayton, that the fleamarket was intent on finding as many ways to disgust and anger the sellers, without whom the fleamarket would just be a BIG outdoor social gathering. I can't get in if I'm five minutes late. I can't have anything in the aisleways to interfere with the pedestrian traffic. I have to pay for a tent permit. I can't sell out of my truck in one sapce anymore because it is as long as the space and I can't have anything in the aisleways. I have to have two spaces to do this, but I'm not supposed to park in the fleamarket. This gets a lot more convoluted, but you get the point.

>why not sell it to a fellow ham for, say, \$75?

>He gets a good deal,

>I get to pay my bills and everyone is happy.

For some reason, we who are intent on providing those of you who want something that doesn't look like it has been dragged behind the truck to get it to the hamfest, are still supposed to sell it as if it doesn't work, is junk, and probably needs to be thrown out. Even if it has been restored, tested, aligned, provided with documentation, and we're willing

to ship it to you because you flew in with lots of money and no way to carry anything home.

>"wellllll.... I could give you \$45 if you throw in some spare tubes..."
>"Is it Collins? I'll give ya \$60 if it's Collins..."
>"You got it priced like it's NOS. There's a scratch here on top!"
>And other comments that really mean:
> "I think you're a fool and
> you should just give me that, you dummy!" (the bad guys)
>A few hours of this certainly ruins my altruistic mood....

Three days of dealing with this attitude, coupled with hamfest operators who have completely lost sight of what this was supposed to be about, has made me want to sell ALL my gear and send my license back to the FCC.

> So please someone tell me why
>I should put up with this abuse when I can go to Ebay,
>serve HUNDREDS of people who actually, really WANT my items,
>and receive a reasonable price without
>some cheapskate playing me for a fool?

Here's where Dave gets to the crux of the matter. If it weren't for a lot of you on this reflector and several of the others that I subscribe to, I probably would throw in the towel.

>The world has turned, folks.
>The net has changed everything.
>We are not excepted.
>Hamfests cannot survive without
>the monetary incentive of the flea market,
>and the fleas are passing into history.

Our hamfests (Dayton included) can't survive without people who will go through the effort (and aggravation) of selling to us. I would like to suggest, that if any of you were treated in the fashion I was over the last weekend, that you write the Hamvention and let them know how you feel about the treatment of the vendors and the access to the show at other than published times. I really feel that if the hamfest operators aren't careful, the internet with its long tentacles will eventually kill hamfests. It did in the Ham Trader Yellow Sheets and if it weren't for TAP publications Trade-a-plane magazine supporting the Amateur Radio Trader, it would be dead too! The goose that laid the golden egg isn't dead, but I'd venture to say that she's sick.

>The Past is dear to us boatanchor people.
>The challenge is to help it live with the future,
>rather than die behind it.

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